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Letter dated 6 November 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 5 November 2011 from H.E. Walid Al-Moualem, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of the Syrian Arab Republic, addressed to the President of the Security Council (see annex).

I would appreciate if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Bashar **Ja'afari**
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[Original: Arabic]

The Syrian Arab Republic has agreed with the ministerial committee of the League of Arab States a plan of action to bring an end to the crisis in Syria. The Syrian Arab Republic has taken a highly significant step to end the violence by calling on those bearing arms to surrender their weapons and guaranteeing their immediate release. The Syrian Arab Republic was therefore surprised that on 4 November 2011, the spokesperson for the State Department of the United States of America called on the armed individuals not to surrender their weapons to the Syrian authorities. The Government's invitation is addressed to anyone bearing, selling, distributing, transporting, purchasing or funding the purchase of weapons. It provides for their immediate release, a step amounts to a general amnesty.

The Syrian Arab Republic considers that through the State Department's statement, the United States of America has directly involved itself in the violent unrest in Syria, whose numerous innocent victims among the Syrian people include army and police personnel and civilians. The statement encourages armed groups to continue their criminal activities against the people and State. It clearly belies the peaceful nature of the movements in Syria. It reflects an intention, indeed an active attempt, to thwart the League of Arab States in its endeavour to bring an end to the crisis in Syria and restore peace and stability to the population.

Having responded positively to the initiative of the League of Arab States, and having made every effort to implement it, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic calls on the President of the Security Council to take note of and condemn the effective involvement of the United States of America in the bloodshed in Syria, to take the necessary action to put an end to it, and to assist the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic in creating an environment conducive to implementing the agreement.

(*Signed*) Walid **Al-Moualem**
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants